

**MINUTES OF THE HOUSE  
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, & ENVIRONMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Room C445, State Capitol**

February 23, 2012

**Members Present:** Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair  
Rep. Stephen Sandstrom, Vice Chair  
Rep. Joel Briscoe  
Rep. Jack Draxler  
Rep. Brad Galvez  
Rep. Neal Hendrickson  
Rep. John Mathis  
Rep. Mike Noel  
Rep. Patrick Painter  
Rep. Doug Sagers  
Rep. Christine Watkins  
Rep. Ryan Wilcox

**Members Excused:** Rep. Mel Brown  
Rep. Brad Dee

**Staff Present:** Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst  
Ms. An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of visitors and handouts are filed with committee minutes

Vice Chair Sandstrom called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

Rep. Painter moved to approve the minutes of Feb. 21, 2012. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Barrus and Rep. Wilcox absent for the vote.

**H.B. 486 Water and Irrigation Amendments (Rep. N. Hendrickson)**

Rep. Hendrickson introduced the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hendrickson moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 7, Line 190:

190 (B) the {~~economic viability~~} power output of the project for the  
wholesale electrical cooperative within

The motion to amend passed unanimously with Rep. Barrus, Rep. Noel, Rep. Sagers, and Rep. Wilcox absent for the vote.

Spoke to the bill: Mr. Boyd Clayton, Utah Division of Water Rights

**MOTION:** Rep. Painter moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Barrus, Rep. Noel, and Rep. Sagers absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hendrickson moved to place HB486 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Barrus, Rep. Noel, and Rep. Sagers absent for the vote.

**H.B. 458 Wastewater System Amendments (*Rep. P. Painter*)**

Rep. Painter introduced the bill to the committee with the assistance of Mr. Walt Baker, Utah Division of Water Quality (hand out).

**MOTION:** Rep. Hendrickson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Barrus and Rep. Sagers absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Painter moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Barrus and Rep. Sagers absent for the vote.

**H.B. 368 Abandonment or Forfeiture of Water Rights (*Rep. B. Galvez*)**

Rep. Galvez introduced the bill to the committee assisted by Mr. Kent Jones, Utah Division of Water Rights (hand out).

**MOTION:** Rep. Watkins moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Noel and Rep. Sagers absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Wilcox moved to place HB368 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Noel and Rep. Sagers absent for the vote.

**H.B. 150 Underground Petroleum Storage Tank Financial Viability Study (*Rep. S. Eliason*)**

Rep. Eliason introduced the bill to the committee with the assistance of Mr. Brent Everett, Utah Department of Environmental Quality.

**MOTION:** Rep. Painter moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Barrus, Rep. Draxler, and Rep. Sagers absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Painter moved to place HB150 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Draxler and Rep. Sagers absent for the vote.

Rep. Painter requested Personal Privilege and showed a short video clip.

**S.B. 134 State Water Development Commission Amendments (*Sen. M. Dayton*)**

Sen. Dayton introduced the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Fred Finlinson, Utah Water Coalition

**MOTION:** Rep. Galvez moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Draxler, Rep. Mathis, and Rep. Sagers absent for the vote.

**S.B. 61 Invasive Species Amendments (*Sen. R. Okerlund*)**

Sen. Okerlund introduced the bill to the committee with the assistance of Mr. Kyle Stephens, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (slide show presentation).

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Leonard Blackham, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food  
Mr. Gordon Younker, Utah Association of Conservation Districts

**MOTION:** Rep. Watkins moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Mathis absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Watkins moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Mathis absent for the vote.

Vice Chair Sandstrom adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

